(d) whether Government will examine all these documents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) World Ayurveda Congress was held at Kochi, Kerala during Ist to 4 November, 2002. The main theme of the Congress was "Ayurveda and the World Health" to showcase strengths of Ayurveda to the world. The topics discussed included globalisation of Ayurveda, conservation and sustainable use of medicinal plants, standardisation of herbal drugs, highlights of Ayurveda etc.

(d) and (e) The recommendations of the Congress have not formally been forwarded to the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.

Free treatment for accident patients

1839. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bring a Bill to enable charitable and semi-charitable hospital in Delhi and other metros to treat accident patients free of cost;

(b) if so, the details of such a Bill;

(c) whether Government are aware that such hospital refuse to treat accident patients unless they are sure that they would be paid for the treatment they render; and

(d) if so, the action Goverment would take against such hospital that refuse to treat accident patients who cannot afford the charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, regulation of Charitable

and semi-charitable hospital comes under the purview of the State Governments.

AIDS Rehabilitation Centres

1840. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open AIDS Rehabilitation Centres where the victims can seek refuge, get educated on the disease and obtain regular medical check-up;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of the funds that Government propose to move in this direction; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the National AIDS Control Programme, Community Care Centres have been established by NGOs to take care of HIV/AIDS patients. These Centres are used as low cost community care and acts as a bridge between hospital and homecare, meeting the needs of HIV positive cases ranging from medical care to social support.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The approved Action Plan in the current financial year for the Community Care Centre is Rs. 1.00 crore for the low prevalence state and Rs. 587.20 crore for the high prevalence states namely Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

(d) Question does not arise.